

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:210

ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002

SECURITY LAPSE AT AIRPORT

A. VENKATESH NAIK; BASUDEB ACHARIA; HANNAN MOLLAH; SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI; SUNDER LAL TWARI

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Rane, guard took IA flight with gun' appeared in the Hindustan Times dated September 4, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether some similar cases were also reported earlier during 2001 and 2002;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in the matter;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (g) whether some officials of Indian Airlines and security personnel waived off security regulations; and
- (h) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the persons found responsible?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b): Shri Narayana Rane, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, wanted to travel by Jet Airways flight from Chennai to Mumbai on 16.8.2002. Since his PSO was carrying a service revolver, Jet Airways staff had taken a long time to process the carriage of his weapons. Consequently, Shri Rane and his PSO could not board the flight. He, therefore, got the ticket endorsed to Indian Airlines. Indian Airlines security personnel, after checking the credentials of the PSO, got the declaration form filled in and Shri Rane and his PSO were allowed to travel to Mumbai.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Indian Airlines had conducted an inquiry into the incident. As per the inquiry report, Indian Airlines got the declaration form from the PSO and approved the carriage of weapons in registered baggage. As per Aircraft Rule, 1937, arms and ammunitions can be carried by or under the authority of the persons employed by the Police or by Army. For a Police Officer, there is no requirement for a separate authorisation to carry his service revolver in the registered baggage.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.